

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Under “*Detailed Description of the Present Invention*,” paragraph 4, please make the following changes:

In order to heat the water within the water heater **12**, natural gas is burned by the water heater **12**. A gas control valve **34** controls the flow of natural gas to the water heater **12**, and a temperature adjustment knob **36** maintains the water within the water heater **12** at a predetermined temperature. An upper manifold **38** extends from the gas control valve **34** to a solenoid **40**. A lower manifold **42** is connected to the solenoid **40** and communicates with a burner **44**. The upper and lower manifolds **38**, **42** direct natural gas to the burner **44** so that the burner **44** may burn the natural gas and heat the water within the water tank **12**. The solenoid **40** actuates a valve (not shown) allowing the natural gas to flow from the upper manifold **38** to the ~~and~~ lower manifold **42**. A pilot tube **46** is also connected to and extends from the gas control valve **34** and provides a small stream of natural gas to a pilot **48**. A burning element **50** is provided adjacent the pilot **48** such that the pilot **48** burns the burning element **50**, thereby maintaining the flame on the pilot **48**.

Under “*Detailed Description of the Present Invention*,” paragraph 8, please make the following changes:

The programmable timer **14** overrides the circuitry in the power vented water heater **12** to disengage and engage the water heater **12** at predetermined intervals. The programmable controller **14** is electrically connected to a 24 volt contactor **78** which is connected to the 110/120 volt power

supply **56**. A 24 volt transformer **80** is connected to the contactor **78** to provide power to the coil of the contactor **78**. The contactor **78** and the transformer **80** are properly ground by ground **57**. The contactor **78** provides a switch wherein power is allowed to flow to the circuitry of the power vented hot water heater **12** when the switch is closed, and power is not allowed to flow to the circuitry of the power vented hot water **12** when the switch is open, thereby disengaging and disabling the power vented hot water **12**. The programmable timer **14** may be ~~programed~~ programmed by entering the days and the times in which a user desires to have the hot water heater **12** on and off.